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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN RUDRA PRAYAG
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a faulty Telecommunication service in the hilly areas of U.P. particularly in Rudra Prayag district;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government;

(c) the number of Gram Panchayats in Rudra Prayag district without telephone facility;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide said facility in all the Gram Panchayat of said district and Ratura village;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which said facility is likely to be provided; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) At present, the telecom services in hilly areas of UP particularly Distt. Rudra Prayag are working satisfactorily. However, sometimes the services are interrupted due to adverse climate.

(b) The reasons of interruption are given below:-

1. Land sliding due to heavy rain fall

2. Falling of trees and breaking of over head alignment

3. Falling of poles

4. Difficult approach due to road block causing delay in repair

5. Shortage of manpower

All efforts are made by the Department to restore the services in spite of above factors.

(c) At present, 208 Gram Panchayats in Rudra Prayag district are not having telephone facility.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Ratura village has already been provided with telephone facility. One PCO No. 39216 is functioning in the village. There is a plan to provide telephones in all the villages by the year 2002.

(f) Does not arise in view of (a) above.